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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of the filing fee and examination of the above-referenced U.S. patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 16, delete the last four lines on the page.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Add the following new claim 17:

--17. Placing instrument according to claim 3 wherein the bar is arranged proximally to the side projection close to the middle section of the feeding plate, and has recesses that form receptive chambers for the flexible lugs of the feeding plate when the bar is pulled back.--

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